

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is a divisional application of application Serial. No. 09/265,222, filed March 5, 1999, ^{now U.S. Patent No. 6579682} which claims priority under 35 USC § 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/077,618, filed March 10, 1998, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

In the claims

Please cancel claims 1-13, 15-17, and 21-28 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 14 and 19-20 as follows:

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14. (Once Amended) An apo-B100 protein comprising a proteoglycan receptor⁺ mutation in Site B.

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19. (Once Amended) A polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of Site B in the apo-B100 protein according to claim 14, wherein said Site B is flanked on at least one side by a contiguous sequence of at least 10 amino acids which is directly adjacent to Site B in the wild-type human apo-B100 sequence.

20. (Once Amended) An LDL particle comprising an apo-B100 protein according to claim 14.

REMARKS

Following entry of this preliminary amendment, claims 14 and 18-20 will be pending in the present application. Claim 14 has been amended to correct a typographical error, and claims 19 and 20 have been amended to correct dependencies. No new matter has been added.

Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the claims and specification by the current amendment with additions underlined and deletions bracketed. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE"

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